

The Department of State refers the Embassy of the Republic of Cyprus to the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Cyprus Concerning the Imposition of Import Restrictions on Pre-Classical and Classical Archaeological Objects and Byzantine Period Ecclesiastical and Ritual Ethnological Material done at Washington July 16, 2002, and as amended August 17, 2006 (hereinafter referred to as "the MOU").

The Department, on behalf of the Government of the United States of America, proposes that, pursuant to Article IV.A of the MOU, the MOU be extended for an additional five-year period.

The Department further proposes that, pursuant to Article IV.B of the MOU, the MOU be amended by replacing Article II with the enclosed revised Article II.

If the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the Embassy of the Republic of Cyprus, the Department proposes that this note, including the enclosed revised

Article II, and the Embassy of the Republic of Cyprus' note in reply, shall constitute an agreement to extend and amend the MOU, which shall enter into force on the date of your note in reply and shall be effective as of July 16, 2007.

Enclosure:

RNB

As stated.

Department of State,

Washington, July 3, 2007.

United States of America-Republic of Cyprus Memorandum of Understanding

Extension 2007

Revised Article II

- A. The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Cyprus should seek to publicize this Memorandum of Understanding and the reasons for it, through various means available.
- B. The Government of the Republic of Cyprus will expand its efforts to discourage pillage of cultural resources, and the unauthorized export of such material, through tourist education programs, including posting appropriate warnings at airports, hotels, museums, and other public areas that draw attention to this Memorandum of Understanding and to the cultural heritage protection laws of Cyprus.
- C. The Government of the Republic of Cyprus will expand its initiatives in support of the importance of protecting and preserving the cultural heritage of Cyprus into schools and to the general public.
- D. Both Governments agree that, in order for United States import restrictions to be fully successful in deterring pillage, the Government of the Republic of Cyprus will continue to seek similar cooperation from countries with significant import trade in Cypriot archaeological artifacts and ethnological materials and will strengthen enforcement of its own cultural heritage protection laws.
- E. The Government of the Republic of Cyprus will seek to complete its inventory of cultural resources in museums, ecclesiastical buildings, private collections, and archaeological sites. Every effort should be made to engage all Cypriots in this effort.
- F. The Government of the Republic of Cyprus will develop management plans for the effective protection of those archaeological sites that are open to the public.
- G. The Government of the Republic of Cyprus will use its best efforts to further restrict the use of metal detectors.
- H. Recognizing that rapid land development can give rise to pillage, the Government of the Republic of Cyprus will seek ways to partner with private cultural resource management entities for the purpose of conducting salvage archaeology and historic preservation.
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EMBASSY OF CYPRUS
Washington, D.C.

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The Embassy of the Republic of Cyprus avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Department of States the assurances of its highest consideration. O

Enclosure:

As stated.

Washington, July 6, 2007.

U.S. Department of State
Washington, D.C.



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